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Organization for Economic Defense Intelligence Support

Background

To provide adequate organization in CIA to furnish intelligence support to agencies and interdepartmental committees having responsibility for the administration of economic defense measures (economic warfare).

Discussion

1. CIA is presently represented by OIR (N/A) on a number of interagency committees engaged in economic defense activities (Encl. I). In addition, intelligence support is required by various agencies and by interagency ad hoc groups working in this field.

2. The Administrator for the Mutual Defense Assistance Control Act has now proposed an Intelligence Working Group, composed of representatives of CIA, State, Defense, and Commerce. It is contemplated that this Committee will be in session almost daily and that it will review, develop, coordinate, and present intelligence in support of the economic defense activities of the Administrator for MDA and other agencies.

3. CIA has been requested by the Administrator for MDA to take an active part in this Group. The intelligence support required "cuts across the board," calling for contributions by various components of CIA. The request of the Administrator for MDA emphasizes the necessity for the establishment in CIA of a staff unit concerned exclusively with intelligence support of economic defense activities. This unit should be at a level which will enable it to draw upon all components of CIA.


4. Attached as Enclosure II is a memorandum, dated 20 November 1950, on the subject of "Intelligence Requirements for Economic Warfare," which considers the problem of intelligence support of economic defense operations in the cold war.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that there be established in the Office of the AI/IR or the DD/I an Economic Defense Intelligence Staff, which would be responsible for CIA intelligence support of economic defense activities of other agencies as required and would be authorized to draw upon all producing components of CIA as needed.

2. That appropriate personnel of D/A presently engaged in economic defense intelligence support be transferred to the Economic Defense Intelligence Staff.

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1. List of Interagency Committees engaged in Economic Defense Activities
2. "Intelligence Requirements for Economic Warfare"

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Interagency Committees Engaged in Economic Defense
Activities for Which ORR (D/A) Furnishes Intelligence Support

Mutual Trade Security Advisory Committee

Mutual Trade Security Staff Committee

MTSSC Intelligence Working Group

- " Title II Working Group
- " Title II List Working Group
- " Rubber Study Working Group
- " Collective Measures Working Group
- " Preclusive Buying Working Group
- " Free Ports and Transit Trade Working Group

Advisory Committee on Export Policy (Secretary of Commerce)

Operating Committee

R Procedure Sub-Committee

Technical Working Groups